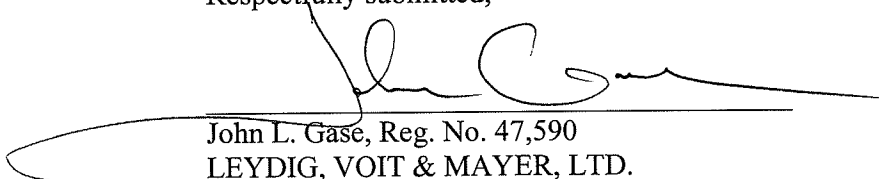


*REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*

In response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment," Applicants have changed the status designation of claim 18 from "Previously Presented" to "Currently Amended." The "Amendments to the Claims" presented herewith are otherwise the same as previously submitted with the "Reply to Office Action" dated November 21, 2007.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John L. Gase', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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